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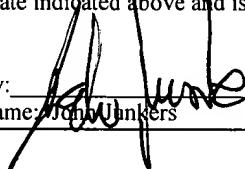
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, it is respectfully requested that this application be accorded the benefits of Continued Examination. Applicant respectfully requests that the amendment filed herewith be entered at this time.

Our check in the amount of \$750.00 is enclosed to cover the required fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following amendment before examination and consideration of this Request for Continued Examination (RCE) application filed herewith.

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows. The claims are amended in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121. No new matter has been added.

6. (Amended) An adsorption column apparatus for separating and collecting oxygen from an air by a pressure swing adsorption separation process comprising:

an air blower;

two adsorption columns each connected to the air blower, the adsorption columns each having an adsorbent packed therein;

a surge tank connected with the two adsorption columns that collects discharged oxygen gas from the adsorption columns to be discharged as product;

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